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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 800

Introduced by Assembly Member Yee

February 18, 2005

An act to add Section 123147 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to health care.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 800, as amended, Yee. Medical records: *patient's spoken language preference*.

Existing law provides for access by a patient to his or her health records and requires that a patient's clinical laboratory test results be conveyed in plain language and in oral, written, or electronic form.

This bill would require all ~~medical facilities, including, but not limited to, hospitals, clinics, and physician and surgeon's offices, to include a patient's language preference on the patient's health records~~ *health facilities and all primary care clinics to include a patient's principal spoken language on the patient's health records*.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 123147 is added to the Health and
- 2 Safety Code, to read:
- 3 123147. ~~All medical facilities, including, but not limited to,~~
- 4 ~~hospitals, clinics, and physician and surgeon's offices, shall~~

1 ~~include a patient's language preference on the patient's records.~~
2 *All health facilities, as defined in Section 1250, and all primary*
3 *care clinics that are either licensed under Section 1204 or*
4 *exempt from licensure under Section 1206, shall include a*
5 *patient's principal spoken language on the patient's health*
6 *records.*

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